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TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

EVIDENCES OF TROUBLE AND DISTRESS IN GERMANY.

BRITISH QUITE READY FOR GERMAN OFFENSIVE.

Mr. Lloyd George Points the Way to Victory.

GERMANY STILL RECKONING ON BIG WAR INDEMNITIES.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

MRS. ASQUITH.

GRANTED INJUNCTION AGAINST THE "GLOBE."

December 21, 1.45 p.m.
The King's Bench has granted Mrs. Asquith an injunction against the *Globe*.
Counsel said there was not a shadow of truth in the statements made by the *Globe*. Mrs. Asquith had never been to Downing Hall and had had no communication with any of the inmates.

THE WAY TO VICTORY.

ALL DEPENDS ON NEXT FEW MONTHS.

December 21, 4.35 a.m.
In the course of his speech on the Ministry of Munitions, in the House of Commons, Mr. Lloyd George said an example of the winning power of munitions was given in the battle of Loos, in which everything was destroyed except one machine-gun emplacement in front of which lay hundreds of gallant men. Hence, money spared in munitions was spilt in blood. The way to victory was for shells to crash through everything, shattering every machine-gun and every yard of barbed wire, and said Mr. Lloyd George, we cannot turn out too much. Such ideas will not enter the mind of workmen, capitalists and taxpayers until we are able to crash a way to victory. If risks had to be taken, let them be risks to the pockets of taxpayers and not to the lives of men. Proper economy would not reduce the output but the cost.

Everything, said Mr. Lloyd George, depended upon the next few months. The decisions of the last Allied Conference would affect the whole conduct of the war, but the carrying out of them rested with the workmen. He appealed to their patriotism, and said the chances of victory were still with us; our best chances remained. We had accomplished our task to the last letter, we had an overwhelming superiority in the raw materials of war, we had ready access to neutrals, and we had a better cause. But this was the moment of intense preparation—the moment for putting our whole energies at home into preparing for the blow we had to strike abroad.

DISTRESS IN GERMANY.

NO CHRISTMAS CAKES!

December 21, 2.10 p.m.
Every day brings fresh confirmation of the distress being caused in Germany through lack of fat. Owing to the extreme scarcity of butter, the making of Christmas cakes is forbidden. In Saxony no milk is allowed with tea or coffee in the restaurants.

DEPENDING ON IMAGINARY INDEMNITIES.

That Germany still depends on big war indemnities for partial extinction from its financial chaos was admitted by Dr. Helfferich in the Reichstag. The occasion was a speech in which he endeavored to break in the people to the idea that "war brings us a colossal burden of taxation, no matter how high the war indemnity wherever of course, we want."

TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

BRITISH READY FOR THE GERMANS.

December 21, 2.10 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters in France, referring to neutral reports of a big German offensive, says:—"The one place where the ominous warning is regarded with perfect indifference is the British front. A Staff Officer to whom I mentioned the matter smiled and said, 'It is true there has been a lot of coming and going with the Germans lately, but we know exactly the real meaning of it all. You remember the historic General who marched his little Army round and round a hill till the spectacle got on his adversary's nerves, causing a stampede? The next result of what the Germans are now doing resembles this time-honoured trick.'"

OMINOUS SIGNS.

December 21, 2.10 p.m.
A message from Amsterdam states that there has again been great gun-thundering heard in the direction of Ypres. No news is obtainable from the front, but there is still greater railway activity, especially on the part of German hospital trains.

SIR IAN HAMILTON.

NOT RETURNING TO NEAR EAST.

December 22, 11.45 a.m.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Asquith stated that Sir Ian Hamilton was not returning to the Near East. If any other duties were assigned to him, an announcement would be made in due course.

In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

ALLIES ARTILLERY ADVANTAGES.

December 20, 4.50 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent in Paris states that vigorous artillery engagements, in which the Allies have had the advantage, are again the feature of the communiques.

ENEMY'S AIRPLANES ACTIVE.

December 21, 12.25 p.m.
The Press Bureau publishes a despatch from Headquarters which states:—"A heavy reciprocal bombardment took place in the vicinity of Ypres. Opposite the southern portion of the centre line we bombarded several portions of the enemy's trenches. Hostile artillery heavily shelled Ypres and St. Jean. It was also active against our front line and support trenches, also at Zonnebeke, Zandvoorde, Ghelvelst and Trenchin. An enemy bombing attack on our trenches near the quarries northwest of Hulluch was repulsed. There was considerable activity by the enemy's aeroplanes, which attempted to prevent our machines from making reconnaissance, but these attempts were unsuccessful. There were forty-four combats in the air during the day. Two of the enemy's aeroplanes were brought down behind their lines and other driven down apparently damaged. One of our machines is missing."

FRENCH EXPLODE ENEMY MUNITION DEPOT.

December 21, 2.11 a.m.
The latest Paris communiques reports ever-growing artillery activity. Violent duels have occurred in Artois, particularly in the region of Loos and Givenchy. The French artillery demolished a bridge between Souchez and Rheims. The French in Champagne dispersed an enemy marching force and smashed a railway march used by the enemy. There is the same activity in Argonne, where the French exploded a munition depot. French also wrecked German trenches at Hanorville wood, near St. Mihiel, and also succeeded in destroying a blockhouse bristling with machine guns. A French air squadron effectively bombed the station of Mulhausen.

THE FIGHTING IN THE BALKANS.

BRITISH LOSSES IN MACEDONIAN CAMPAIGN.

December 21, 5.00 p.m.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Tennant said the British casualties in the Macedonian campaign up to the 11th inst. were 32 officers and 1,248 men, of whom only one officer and 85 men were killed.

GREEK AND BULGARIAN TROOPS AT GREECE.

December 20, 2.40 p.m.
A message from Belgrade states that Greek and Bulgarian advance posts have been fighting on the Graco-Albanian frontier in the region of Koritsa. Both sides suffered losses in killed and wounded, and Greek reinforcements have been sent to the scene. It is also announced that martial law has been proclaimed at Argyrocastro owing to the discovery of a Macedonian plot. The latter are getting aggressive owing to the approach of the Belgians.

WAR TELEGRAMS.

THE DARDANELLES.

THE SUEVA BAY LANDING.

December 20, 5.00 p.m.
General Sir Ian Hamilton's report on the Suvla Bay landing, and the subsequent operations, will be published shortly.

THE WITHDRAWAL FROM ANZAC.

December 20, 5.30 p.m.
Mr. Asquith announced in the House of Commons that the withdrawal from Anzac was in pursuance of a decision arrived at by the Cabinet some time ago (Cheam). The operation, he said, had been so successfully carried out that it reflected the utmost credit on the Generals on the spot, the Admiral, the Staff and on all ranks of both the Army and the Navy.

THE TURKS OUTWITTED.

December 20, 10.15 p.m.
The War Office further announces that, without the Turks being aware of the movement, a great army has been withdrawn from one of the Gallipoli areas although in places it was in contact with the enemy. By this contraction of the front, the operations at other points of the line will be more effectively carried out. General Murray, in command of the forces at Gallipoli, gives great credit to the Generals commanding and to the Navy.

SUCCESSFUL ATTACK ON TURKISH TRENCHES.

December 21, 2.40 a.m.
The Paris evening communiques indicate that the Allies are still holding the western extremity of Gallipoli since it mentions that the French artillery on the 19th supported a successful British attack on the Turkish trenches. The communiques, alluding to the Anzac withdrawal, emphasize that the strategic importance of the position had been diminished owing to fresh developments in the East. It confirms that the withdrawal was effected in agreement between the Allied Staffs, without loss of material and unmolested by the Turks.

RELIEF AND REGRET.

December 21, 6.40 a.m.
Relief at the successful withdrawal, and regret that it was necessary, is the prevailing note in the morning's comments on the Gallipoli announcement. Great admiration is expressed at the strategic masterstroke of withdrawing large forces from such a circumscribed zone which was dominated at every point by Turkish guns.

MINISTRY OF MUNITIONS.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S DETAILED STATEMENT.

December 20, 8.35 p.m.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Lloyd George made a statement on the Ministry of Munitions. He dwelt on the enormous importance of the part that machinery had played in this war. The German successes were due, he said, to the tardiness of the Allies in developing their mechanical resources. Though Britain's command of the sea showed, besides her excellence in sailors, her overwhelming superiority in sea machinery, there was another aspect and that was the machinery, which spared men both in attack and defence. He mentioned that there was a shortage of munitions in the month of May. When the Germans were using a quarter of a million shells a day, mostly high explosive shells, Britain was producing 2,500 high explosive shells and 13,000 shrapnel. The deliveries then only amounted to about sixteen per cent. of the promises, but today, with prominent business men running the departments, everything had been speeded up, great quantities of raw materials had been secured for the Allies and the deliveries were eighty per cent. of largely increased promises. Mr. Lloyd George described the great munition areas and the work of the local boards. He emphasized that the national factories were a conspicuous success, vastly increasing the output, minimizing labour difficulties and checking prices. He also emphasized the splendid patriotic work of private firms. He spoke of the tremendous expenditure of shells during the September battle, lasting for weeks. The result was that four months' hoarding was replaced in a month and would soon be replaceable in a week. He forecasted an output of many guns of the largest size, declaring that machine guns had increased five-fold since June. He declared that all requirements would be well in sight by the New Year. Mr. Lloyd George then detailed the immense manufacture of grenades, catapults, spring guns, helmets and mortars and said Britain also ought to be able to supply the high explosives needed by her Allies. He predicted important economies in contracts, etc., and for the developing of home resources he said he wanted eighty thousand skilled and two hundred thousand unskilled workers for new factories. These things would enable them to make the 1916 campaign a success. The expenditure on munitions in September was prodigious, but he said that three times the quantity would have achieved twenty times the result. He pointed out that two hundred millions would buy a vast amount. It represented forty days' cost of the war, but at the crucial moment the war might be won by it in forty days instead of lingering on for four hundred.

THE WORKERS' PROMISE.

December 21, 2.35 p.m.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Thomas, speaking on behalf of the Chamberlain, assured the House that the workers would respond to Mr. Lloyd George's appeal for additional labour.

TELEGRAMS.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CONDENSED.

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The way to victory, says Mr. Lloyd George, is for shells to crash through everything.

General Ruzsky, Commander of the Russian Northern Armies, has resigned owing to ill-health.

The Paris communiques and a report from British Headquarters indicate increasing activity in the West.

The British troops were withdrawn from Suvla Bay and Anzac without the Turks being aware of the fact.

Mr. Asquith hopes to make a statement on Lord Derby's recruiting scheme before the adjournment.

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Mr. Lloyd George says the decisions of the last Allied Conference will affect the whole conduct of the war.

Trouble and distress are being caused in Germany through lack of fat, the making of Christmas cakes being forbidden.

If risks have to be taken, says Mr. Lloyd George, let them be risks to the pockets of taxpayers and not to the lives of men.

The House of Commons has agreed to a compromise whereby the life of Parliament shall be eight months instead of a year.

Mr. Asquith states that the British withdrawal from Anzac was in pursuance of a decision of the Cabinet made some time ago.

A speech by Dr. Helfferich indicates that Germany still depends on big war indemnities for partial extinction from its financial chaos.

Reuter's correspondent at the Headquarters in France says the one place where the warning of a big German offensive is regarded with perfect indifference is the British front.

According to Mr. Lloyd George, this is the moment of intense preparation—the moment for putting our whole energies at home into preparing for the blow we have to strike abroad.

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OUR CONTEMPORARIES

South China Morning Post.

Duration of the War.

Although Reuter still seems to be niggardly in reporting the operations in the various scenes of war, one significant item has been permitted to filter through which is worthy of comment. It relates to the announcement in London on Sunday by Lord Derby. The great recruiting organizer said he was convinced that "the statement of the results of recruiting would show that the country was absolutely right, and probably the end of the war would come sooner than many expected." Such a pronouncement by a recognized authority of recruiting lends encouragement to the thought that the heart of old England still beats true, and the response of the men has been worthy of her best traditions.

Daily Press.

Hongkong and the Call for Recruits.

The whole world has watched with deep interest and anxiety the efforts recently made to stimulate recruiting in the British Isles. A large number of people have now reached that stage of mental outlook concerning the war which makes them willing to agree to almost anything that will ensure victory for the Allies as quickly as is possible. So many of our cherished ideals have been shattered, so many of our political theories have been swept aside by the tidal wave which has engulfed Europe, that we are ready to consent to postpone even the approach to a possible millennium to be saved from the present inferno. Therefore, we keep in mind the one central feature of the present situation, which is that more men are still needed for the far flung front. It is probable Mr. Balfour Belloc, who has been fairly right in his forecasts of recent events, declares it is a certainty that henceforth Germany will be unable to fill the gaps made by the Allies in her ranks. In short, she has passed the points on the curve where the available reserves were greater than, or equal to, the casualties.

China Mail.

Notes and Comments.

We welcome the statement made by the Chairman of the Licensing Board yesterday that "on no occasion is business transacted which could have any interest for the public without the representatives of the Press having an opportunity of being present." This statement was made in answer to some remarks upon the Chairman stated had appeared in the public Press "to the effect that the representatives of the Press had been required to withdraw when business which would be of interest to the public was to be discussed, and that the correct method was to be depressed, or words to that effect." The Hon. Mr. Seymour mentioned that in the case which gave rise to these remarks no business was transacted after the representatives of the Press had left. Surely, however, in view of the public interest in the matters referred to, some announcement should have been made to the representatives of the Press that the further business on the agenda would not be transacted.

For a good spirit, cheer, and a little of the old-time Christmas spirit, which will be the best of all the gifts that can be given.

GENERAL NEWS.

Heavy Rain in Madras. Madras, November 21.—The monsoon has burst with a vengeance. Rain has been pouring incessantly for some days and several roads in the town are under water. It is raining heavily at the time of writing.—Associated Press.

Ceylon's War Contribution. Colombo, November 20.—The Governor having given final assent to the war contribution ordinance passed at the Legislative Council, has telegraphed to the Secretary of State for the Colonies a request that the £100,000 may be paid over to the Imperial Government from Ceylon's balances in London forthwith.

A High Sheriff's Example. The High Sheriff of Lancashire (Mr. Edward Graham Wood) has discontinued for the remainder of his year of office the official dinners at which it is customary for the High Sheriff to entertain the grand jury, and instead has made a contribution of £500 to the funds of the Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

Throwing a Centenarian Downstairs. Pittsburgh, November 13.—Mrs. Ellen Harper, who gave her age as a "little over 100 years," appeared in court to-day to prosecute her son-in-law, James Ross, who, she said, had struck her and thrown her down a flight of stairs at their home. The aged woman was found last night by a policeman lying on the sidewalk and so badly hurt it was necessary to send her to a hospital. Ross was fined \$25 and costs.

Interesting to Philatelists. The Viceroy of India has presented to the Royal Philatelic Society nine lithographic stones and four engraved copper plates which were used in the production of the first general Indian postage stamps, printed at Calcutta in 1854-55 by Captain (afterwards General Sir Henry) Thackeray, Surveyor-General of India, from the designs of Babu Numerdeen.

American Arrested in London. London, November 12.—John Wesley de Kay, of New York, was remanded at Bow Street Police Court to-day on a charge of fraud in France in connection with the supply of rifles to the Belgian Government. Bail was not allowed. The prisoner is said to be an author, and a member of several New York and Boston clubs. In the spring of 1914 he went to Europe on a mission to purchase arms and ammunition for the Government of Provisional President Huerta.

Shortage of Wheat in Mozambique. Bombay, November 22.—A representation by the Hindu inhabitants of Mozambique has been received by the Bombay Presidency Association in which they complain that, owing to the prohibition of wheat export from India, the Hindu inhabitants of Mozambique, who number some 300,000, have been suffering from shortage of food, wheat being their staple food. The Association has been requested to forward the representation to the Government of India.

The Worship of Heaven. It is understood that the 23rd of December has been appointed by the Chinese Government as the day for the Worship of Heaven. The day has been proclaimed as a holiday for the different Government offices and schools. A grand sacrifice will be offered at the Temple of Heaven. The Minister of the Interior has received orders from the President to make things ready against this "solemn occasion." The different Ministers and other Government organs have been ordered each to appoint a number of officials to participate in the sacrifice. Orders have already been sent by the Minister of the Interior to the officials of the Temple of Heaven to superintend the various preparations.

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EXCLUSIVE AGENTS

MOUTRIE'S.

GENERAL NEWS.

Fatal Washington Fire. Washington, Nov. 16.—One man was burned to death and three others were probably fatally injured as a result of a fire at the historic Benning Race Track in the suburbs of Washington last night, which in addition to burning 14 of the stables and other structures, burned at least 20 valuable horses to death. Estimates to-day placed the loss at about \$27,000.

Superfluous Alcohol. With the object of utilizing the heavy stocks of alcohol which are at the disposal of the Treasury, and in view of the fact that countries friendly to and allied with Russia are in need of alcohol, the Minister of Finance proposed to the Council of Ministers to-day the export in the near future of about thirty million vedros (eighty-two and a-half million gallons) of alcohol.

Saving the Labour. Messrs. Swan and Edgar have decided not to clean the brass on their shop fronts in Regent street and Piccadilly because they feel that twelve men employed for four hours a day in polishing the brass could turn their time to better advantage. The weather will tone down the brass—it may even look neglected—but it is a purposeful neglect in a good cause.

Negro Shot in Illinois. Taylorville, Ill., Nov. 6.—A posse of a thousand men, to-day surrounded in a wood three negroes accused of shooting Guy A. Winters, of Decatur, shot one of the negroes to death and captured a second. The negroes are accused of shooting Winters, who is a Washburn train conductor, when he put them off his train. It is thought that he will recover.

Wireless for Mexico. San Francisco, Nov. 8.—Purchase of five powerful wireless telegraph plants to establish communication between the west coast of Mexico, all parts of the United States and Vancouver, B. C., has been ordered by General Venustiano Carranza, first chief of the Mexican Republic, it was announced here to-day. Stations are to be erected at Mazatlan and Guaymas, and smaller ones at Guadalupe, Manzanillo and San Blas, Mexico.

Krupp's Tip. A member of the diplomatic service vouches for the following incident:—Just before the war, a Balkan State that has always admired and liked France had a big ammunition order to place. Both Krupp and Oerlikon were out to get it, and competition was keen. Krupp's representative did not know the local Minister of War, and, mistaking his man, clumsily thrust a \$4,000 cheque into his hands at one of their interviews. The Minister took it, and with a smiling smile, said: "Thank you, in the name of the Red Cross!"—and the next day Krupp's donation figured at the head of the Red Cross list of subscribers, while Oerlikon got the ammunition order.

NOTICES

G. R.

Any European, Non-Asiatic or Indian desiring to leave the Colony should apply in writing for permission to do so to the Captain Superintendent of Police, at least 48 hours before the intended hour of departure, giving name, nationality, age, sex, height and occupation of the applicant, and stating the name of the steamer or other vessel or the hour of the train by which the applicant wishes to leave. Applicants should apply in person for their passes at the Central Police Station between the hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Hongkong 9th, July, 1915.

PEAK TRAMWAY CO. LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.			
From Peak to Mid.	From Mid. to Peak.	From Peak to Mid.	From Mid. to Peak.
7.15 a.m.	7.15 a.m.	7.15 a.m.	7.15 a.m.
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MARRIAGE.

BOYLING-ROBINSON.—At Shanghai on December 15, 1915,
at H. B. M. Consulate, by Sir Everard Fraser, K.C.M.G., Harold G.
Boyling of Bristol, England, to Clara, eldest daughter of Mrs.
James Robinson, of Shanghai.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1915.

CHINA AND EDUCATION.

A native paper, the *Yang Shing Pao*, has been addressing its readers in very plain language on the subject of the alleged progress of education in China. It begins—and ends—by denying that progress, and it incidentally points to some very weak spots in the country's new educational system. Other calamities are being encountered—because "not much real work has been done." Our contemporary finds that it is merely names, and nothing, that have been changed by the country's attachment to republicanism. "Those in charge thought they were improving the teaching when they shortened the hours of study or dropped some important subjects. The old classics were forbidden at one time; at another they were considered to be the most important in the curriculum. We have never seen that any zealous improvement has been carried out at all."

Obviously the value of the above statement lies in the fact that it comes from a Chinese and not from a European writer. When we look back on all that has been written about "progressive" China we shall find that somewhere about nine-tenths can be ascribed to foreign authorship, and the odd tenth to extraneous Chinese who, in picking up information about western countries wherein they have sojourned, have lost touch with their own, and really know less about its condition and needs than many Europeans who have resided in it for a reasonable length of time. With all due respect to the foreign-traveler, those who understand China best are those who have never been out of it; and we will even make bold to add that those who understand it least are the foreigners who will persist in seeing it only through Western eyes. The missionary, however good his intentions, sets out with the idea that the teaching is to be all on his side and the learning on China's, and to the end of his career, he cherishes very lovingly the belief that all that China can teach us does not amount to much. The result naturally is that much of his life is passed in seeking to foist on the Chinese not only the white man's way of doing things but his very thoughts and point of view. Those Chinese who can be persuaded to act up to his teaching are merely making a bid for a half-and-half, fish-out-of-water mental existence; in other words, they throw away the good things of their fathers' days and are not able to assimilate those which the foreigner has come to offer them; they grab at the shadow and drop the substance.

That there is something like a greed on the part of a large section of the Chinese for a knowledge of Western school subjects, it is not denied. The Chinese, like the British, are a commercially-minded race, and therefore it would be strange if there were not among their number many who have a very shrewd eye to the main chance. To them, familiarity with certain things, once regarded as peculiar to the West, means an increase of income. But this snatching at a knowledge of e.g. engineering or medicine is hardly the same thing as education; moreover those who want to "match" do not represent anything like one per cent. of China's people. Those Chinese who are given to looking squarely and bravely at facts have to admit that the foreigner has brought them but little good, and that the constant imitating of him by many of their own people may yet bring sorrow to the imitators. We do not hanker after a China of the "thirties and forties": a land of closed ports where strangers and enemy were synonymous terms; but the more we see of the Chinese, the more strongly do we feel that a foreignized China will

The Cheats—

One is led to observe that the police are keeping a keen eye on the cheating shopkeepers. Yesterday three of these gentry were brought up at the Police Court—two for using faulty scales and the other for being in possession of a false cloth rule. All were deservingly made to pay for staying and rectitude, though the fines were, in our opinion, not nearly big enough. The class of trader here dealt with was that whose dealings are solely, or very largely, with Chinese shopkeepers. That, of course, does not affect the offence one way or the other. But we have before made the point that the ordinary comprador—he who practically lives on European custom—is all too often guilty of dishonest practices, especially in the matter of giving short weight and of over-charging to an abominable extent. And these are the men who should be tracked down. The police cannot do everything, and here at any rate is an admirable opportunity for the Food Committee to send round either some of its own members or plain-clothed agents to catch these greedy rogues at their little games. The thing could easily be done if the Committee were only alive to its opportunities.

—And the Strugglers.

The Chinese who are bent on doing a little opium-smuggling generally manage to display a considerable degree of ingenuity in hiding the drug. Instances in which the forbidden stuff is hidden inside the shoe or wound round the body in cloth are fairly common, just as the old trick of concealing the drug in a false-bottomed trunk or barrel is. Within the past couple of days, however, two further clever wheezes have been revealed in cases which came before the Police Court. In one instance the opium was discovered in a cleverly-concealed tin box made so as to fit close to the body, while in the other the stuff was found to be covered with shrimp paste and was being passed off as such. These are quite typical instances of Chinese ingenuity in smuggling methods, but they are not quite smart enough to trick the police certainly do well to make the seizures they do, and they are to be commended for so often catching the smugglers and the drug at one and the same time.

Possession of Explosives.

The case of a Chinese woman who was caught in possession of eighteen sticks of dynamite for the alleged purpose of fishing, and was yesterday fined \$50, raises a serious question. Every now and again instances of this kind crop up, and one may be pardoned for wondering how these folk get hold of this dangerous substance. Apart from the possible danger to the possessors themselves, there are good and sound political reasons why the strictest precautions should be taken to prevent explosives of any kind getting into the hands of Chinese. Quite rightly, the use of explosives is here, as at home, against the fishery laws, but the point we wish to make is that the stuff, once possessed, may easily be used for other and even more serious purposes. And it is for this reason that a far closer check than at present exercised should be kept on every ounce of explosive which comes into the Colony.

CRICKET.

Hongkong v. Kowloon.

The following will represent Hongkong in the above match on the Olympic ground on Christmas Day and Boxing Day: Play will commence at 2.15 p.m. on the 25th and 10.30 a.m. on the 27th: Messrs. T. E. Pearce (Capt.), R. N. Anderson, R. E. O. Bird, R. A. Broad, D. E. Donnelly, A. L. Grace, R. O. Hutchinson, R. Kennedy, M. M. Macmillan, H. E. Martin and F. Byrne-Thomson.

DAY-BY-DAY.

THE PURITANS HATED BEER-DRINKING, NOT BECAUSE IT GAVE PAINT TO THE BEARD BUT BECAUSE IT GAVE PLEASURE TO THE SPECTATORS.—Mackay.

The Weather.
At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 50;
Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 60;
fine.

The Mails.
English Mail.—Due to-day
per s.s. Novara.
Austrian Mail.—Due to-day
per s.s. Empress.
Siberian Mail.—Closed to-day
per s.s. Novara.
Canadian and Siberian Mails.—
Closed to-morrow per s.s.
Yokohama 11 a.m.
Siberian Mail.—Closes to-morrow
per s.s. Shantung 3 p.m.

The Dollar.
The rate of the dollar on
demand to-day is 140 15/16.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the 183rd anniversary of the birth of Sir Richard Arkwright, the inventor.

Chinese Festival.
To-morrow, according to the Chinese Calendar, is the festival of "Tung-chih," or the Winter Solstice.

Voyage Report.
Yesterday, which arrived yesterday from Shanghai, reports fine weather throughout, with moderate North-east wind and sea.

Sir Charles Elliot.
Sir Charles Elliot, Vice-Chancellor of Hongkong, who arrived in the Philippines on December 18 on the Nippon Maru, and is a guest at the Manila Hotel. Embellishment Case Remanded. A case in which a man named Ho Shui-wa was charged with embezzling the sum of \$123.00, the monies of his employers, M. & S. Ho Ling Kee, was brought before Mr. Wood this morning. Mr. Davidson applied for a remand, which was granted for a week.

Another Opium Case.
Before Mr. Hazeland, this morning, a Chinese was charged with the unlawful possession of opium and also with attempting to export 12 tins of raw Persian opium by the s.s. Haiching. He was remanded in bail of \$250. Mr. L. D'Almeida appeared for the defendant.

Harbour Offences.
Before Commissioner C. W. Beckwith, R.N., at the Marine Court, this morning, Police Sergeant Edward Bond charged Chan Fo, boatmaster, with unlawfully using drugs within the Harbour limits for the purpose of lifting articles from the bed thereof, on the 22nd inst. A fine of \$5 was imposed. Hidden in His Shoes. A man was charged by Sergt. Allen, of the Naval Police, this morning, with stealing 2 lbs. of red lead, the property of His Majesty's Naval Dockyard. Mr. Hazeland sentenced him to two months' imprisonment and four hours' stocks. Defendant was caught coming out of the gates with a packet of lead in each shoe.

Post Office Announcements.
A portion of the mail which arrived from Europe to-day by the s.s. Novara (including registered articles) has been received damaged by sea-water owing to water at the dock. It is notified that no claims in respect of such damage can be entertained.

Bail Estimated.
A Chinese was charged before Mr. Hazeland, this morning, with stealing a bag of sugar valued \$5. The theft took place in the harbour, the man being a coolie employed on the Dairy Farm launch. Mr. P. W. Goldring, who appeared for the defence said the defendant had bolted. Defendant did not appear, and his bail was estimated.

Two Months' Hard Labour.
Before Mr. J. R. Wood, this morning, a Chinese was charged with attempting to steal a lead water pipe from the laundry on board the s.s. Kwang Tung. Capt. H. W. Walker said that the Chief Officer reported to him that a man had been caught in the act of stealing the pipe. Witness handed the man over to the police. The Chief Officer deposed to seeing the pipe off. Defendant, who had a previous conviction, was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

NOTES ON THE CRISIS.
MR. LLOYD GEORGE AND MUNITIONS.

An interesting mixture.

As not uncommonly happens, quantity outdoes both quality and definiteness where the news from Gallipoli is concerned and, were wedded to feel over critical, we might suggest that the same applies to the cables from the Western and Balkan fronts. Almost simultaneously with the retirement of Field-marshal French comes the withdrawal of the famous Russian leader, General Ruzsky. Let us hope that it is all for the best and that the changes that are being made have not been entered upon without due reflection as to the value of the old saying about not changing horses while crossing a stream. The Premier's statement concerning the recruiting is still unavoidably withheld. Hope deferred maketh the heart sick—and sometimes a tiny bit suspicious. Another item that interests without pleasing is the statement that the notorious De Wet and over a hundred of his confederates have been set at liberty. Surely that could have waited. The Government trusted to De Wet's honour before—and what was the result? It is a disgrace that he was not shot out of hand instead of merely being imprisoned. Such stories make sorry reading for those who realise how the Imperial Government's want of firmness has hampered matters all the while. As long as the Radical spirit remains in the Cabinet, so long may we expect to see fooleries of this kind indulged in; indeed if it remains much longer we look to see half interned Germans at home set at liberty—and, possibly even given medals for their heroic endurance of a comfortable captivity. Why won't the Cabinet either get on or else get out?

Munitions.
There is complexity in Mr. Lloyd George's statement regarding munitions, but the heart of it is in the right place, and it encourages us to believe that, despite Government mismanagement and trade union treason in the past, something really is being done. The speech certainly contains some awkward revelations into which the British elector will want to enquire pretty closely when the war is over; but no good comes of keeping these things back and Mr. Lloyd George will not be censured for his frankness. It is quite evident that since the munitions affair was put upon a businesslike basis, matters have prospered. The speaker too hard of too often on the need for an ever-increasing supply of shells. He tells us (as we should have been told at the beginning of the war—nay, long before it began) that Germany's hopes of success lay in the enormous start that she had of us in possessing such magnificent supplies of explosives; and he urges that only by means of an unending quantity of such can we hope to force our way to victory.

The Workers.
On two points does the Minister of Munitions lay special emphasis: the wonderful work of the Navy and the need for the working man's co-operation with the Government and Army chiefs. Mr. Lloyd George's tribute to the Navy is by no means so superficial as some of us may think. We Britishers are terribly slow to grasp an idea, and we only cease from grumbling when the fact is forced in front of us that one half of the war was won, the day that the German fleet scuttled away into hiding and decided to remain there. It was on his fleet that the Kaiser relied, quite as much as on his army, and our blunders by their tireless labours have converted that fleet literally into no more. As to the workers, Mr. Lloyd George has surely made it evident enough that the game is up to them, and perhaps we ought to take comfort from Mr. Thomas' assurance in the House that the response will be there. There is yet time for the trade unionists to make their comrades at the Front forget that they have disgraced themselves in the past; Mr. Lloyd George wants eighty thousand skilled and two hundred thousand unskilled men. Is he going to get them?

ITALIAN CONVENT SCHOOL.

Distribution of Prizes This Afternoon.

The distribution of Prizes to scholars of the Italian Convent School, in Caine Road, took place this afternoon, the ceremony being performed by Lady May. Prior to the presentation, a most excellent musical programme was contributed, the various items of which were greatly appreciated. The programme was as follows:—
"Marco Visconti" (E. Fasanotti), Piano, 4 hands, Misses E. Figueiredo and P. Campos.
Recitation, "He will be a Soldier," Miss M. Soriano.
Song, "Ossu Sorella Solemna Thought," (J. C. Warhorne), (Misses G. Felice, F. Neves, P. Benito, M. de Jesus, E. Danenberg, A. del Campo and E. Figueiredo. Accomp. Miss D. Morris.
Recitation (in Portuguese), "Viva," Miss M. E. Calson.
Piano, "Rapsodie Héroïque," (Fr. Liszt), Miss M. Jison.
Recitation, "The Spirit of Contradiction," Miss C. Fazio.
"Nocturne de Concert" (Arranged from Goria), piano and violin, Misses M. and S. Jison, J. Braga and A. Stan.
Action Song and Fancy Drill, "Virtue, Knowledge and Harmony," Misses B. White, E. Sullivan and E. Neves. 24 Fairies.
Accomp. Mrs. C. Jison.

The Manager's report for the year 1914-15 was read by the Rev. Fr. de Maria, and was as follows:—
I have the honour to present my report on the school for the year just closed.

It is with deep regret that I have to record the death, on 25th August last, of Sister Teodora (Sister Dorina), who for over 40 years was associated with the school, first as one of its teachers and subsequently as the Superioress. Although for some time before her death Sister Dorina, through ill-health, had not taken an active part in the teaching of the School, her linguistic attainment, long experience and intimate knowledge of its needs were invaluable to the convent. Her loss is irreparable.

In point of attendance, the school year 1914-15 has established a record. The number of pupils increased to 367 in April last, while the average daily attendance for the whole year has been 324.08 as compared with 300.5 in 1913-1914.

At the present time the staff consists of fourteen teachers who are efficiently assisted by pupil teachers. In order to comply with the requirements of the Education Department the latter have been attending the Teachers' Class of the Technical Institute. Their number increased from one to five. I have pleasure in reporting that all the pupil teachers successfully passed the Institute's examination held in June last.

The school's syllabus, in so far as it related to the upper classes, was adapted so as to conform with the standard set by the Hongkong University. The syllabus for the first year of the school is approved by the Director of Education.

The Inspector of English Schools, Mr. E. Balphs, conducted a minute examination of the whole school before the mid-summer holidays. As a result of that examination that official was pleased to report the school as "thoroughly efficient."

In addition to the subjects prescribed by the syllabus private lessons are given in Portuguese, Italian and French, typewriting and shorthand, as well as painting and drawing. Many pupils attend these private classes, and there is evidence that typewriting and stenography are becoming increasingly popular.

Ten scholars presented themselves for theory and special examinations held by Pagan's examination in June, October and November, respectively. The results of the earliest examination has already been received, two "Theory Certificates" having been granted to Miss Dorothy Eszter and Miss Frances Seyce. The certificates will be presented this afternoon. The results of the examinations held in October and November are not yet to hand. The papers have been forwarded to Bath for correction.

LANGKAT OUTPUT.

Messrs. Wright and Horaby advise us that the Langkat output for the current month is as follows:—

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1	150	150
2	138	138
3	151	151
4	150	150
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16	142	142
17	153	153
18	143	143
19	145	145
20	142	142
21	143	143
22	143	143
Total to 21st inst.	3,098	
Daily average	147.52	

In the music class, enthusiasm continues unabated. It is a singular fact worth recording that Chinese scholars are taking to music in increasing numbers. It is hoped that the time will soon arrive when the Hongkong University will see its way to award certificates of music in the same way as they were awarded by the Local Committee of the London College of Music. I commend the subject to the notice of the University authorities.

To fall into line with the new Grant Code now in operation, the Oxford Local Examinations were given up in favour of the Junior and Senior Examination conducted by the authorities of the Hongkong University. These examinations were held from the 12th to the 17th July inclusive. Six candidates were sent up for the Junior and one for the Senior examinations, of whom four and one passed, respectively. The juniors passed with distinction and the senior, Miss Un Pak San, enjoys the further distinction of having passed with Honours. She was one of the only two girls to have passed with honours in the senior section among all the girl candidates who presented themselves for examination from the schools in the Colony.

By the courtesy of Rev. Bro. Aimar, director of St. Joseph's College, and the Committee of the Old Boy's Association, the scholars of this school participated in the Sports held at Happy Valley at Easter Field. So numerous were the entries for the two open races that they had to be run off in heats, resulting in wins by—Miss Leonor Collico and Miss Bianca Perpetua.

The honour of having their names inscribed on the Langkat Shield belongs this year to Miss Florentina Nunes, and Miss Violet Tsan. It will be remembered that the Shield was presented by Lady Legard for the girls who set the best example in the school during the year for character and moral worth. To perpetuate Lady Legard's practice girls have been awarded three prizes by the School of two medals which year Ladyship will be asked to present this afternoon.

The Langkat Scholars founded in 1910 by the late Sir Horatio Mody, under certain specific conditions were won last year by Miss Helen Clarke, and Miss Mercedes Collico, and this year by Miss Florentina Nunes.

Dr. F. M. Grace Olorio has very generously donated a scholarship in commemoration of his late brother, Mr. Francisco de Grace Olorio. Dr. Grace Olorio's commendable purpose is to pursue the successful scholar to pursue her course of studies to a successful end. His scholarship has been so designed, and has been won by Miss Dorothy Huxton.

The special prize for religious knowledge is the gift of the Langkat Bishop Porciani. Miss Carmo Tenneyson has been adjudged the winner.

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WAR TELEGRAMS

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THE RECRUITING BOOM.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULT DEFERRED.

December 20, 5.50 p.m.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Asquith said that in consequence of the complexity of the task and the enormous difficulty of classifying and tabulating the figures of Lord Derby's recruiting campaign, the Cabinet was unanimously of opinion that there should be no consideration of the statement before the adjournment. It is understood that the recruiting authorities will submit the general result to-day.

LIFE OF PARLIAMENT.

A COMPROMISE AGREED TO.

December 20, 5.50 p.m.
Mr. Asquith announced in the House of Commons that, owing to the strong views in different parts of the House on the prolongation of the life of Parliament, he suggested a compromise of eight months instead of a year. The compromise was adopted by 188 to 23 votes.

THE MESOPOTAMIA CAMPAIGN.

TURKS' HEAVY LOSSES.

December 21, 10.15 p.m.
The Press Bureau states that General Townshend estimates that the Turks lost two thousand five hundred during the rear-guard action on the 1st inst., and in their abortive attack on Kut-el-Amara on the night of the 12th-13th. Mixed parties of British and Indian troops on the night of December 17 and 18 surprised the Turks in their advanced trenches, killing thirty and taking eleven prisoners. The 18th and 19th passed quietly.

VISCOUNT FRENCH FETED ON LEAVING PARIS.

DECORATED BY GENERAL JOFFRE.

December 21, 12.50 a.m.
A message from Reuter's correspondent in Paris states that Field Marshal Viscount French bade farewell to President Poincaré at the Elysée in the afternoon, being ovated by a huge crowd shouting "Vive French," "Vive Anglaise," "Vive l'Étoile." Generalissimo Joffre in the morning bestowed the "Croix Guerre" on Field Marshal French.

THE GERMAN BUDGET.

NEW TAXES NEEDED.

December 21, 1.00 a.m.
An Amsterdam message states that, in the Reichstag, Dr. Helfferich, Secretary to the Imperial Treasury, claimed that the Budget for 1915-16 would show no deficit or only a small one. He admitted that the Budget for 1916-17 would not balance without new taxes, but said he was confident that German patriotism would pay the taxes as readily as it had subscribed to the loans.

THE RUSSIANS.

GENERAL RUSSKY RETIRES.

December 21, 2.35 a.m.
A message from Reuter's correspondent in Petrograd states that General Russky, the commander-in-chief of the Russian northern armies, has been relieved of his functions. General Russky's withdrawal is due to his health. The Tsar has issued a rescript in which he warmly thanks General Russky for his brilliant services in defending Petrograd.

HIGH TREASON PRISONERS.

DE WET AND OTHERS RELEASED.

December 21, 6.40 a.m.
A telegram from Reuter's correspondent at Johannesburg states that ex-General De Wet and one hundred and eighteen other high treason prisoners have been released. De Wet, on being interviewed, emphasised the necessity for Anglo-Dutch amity and said that the discord of past misunderstanding should cease.

ITALIAN CONVENT SCHOOL.

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An order by the Governor-in-Council was passed on the 19th August last requiring that a medical examination of every scholar should be conducted every six months by a registered medical practitioner on the general health of the boarders and on the sanitary condition of the school buildings as a whole and of the dormitories in particular. Such an inspection was carried out on the 15th December by Dr. O. Marriott, of the firm of Drs. Harrigan, Steadman and Harston. The number of "resident scholars" coming under the notice of the medical examiner on that occasion was: 75 First class boarders, 65 Eurasian orphans, 231 Chinese orphans, making a grand total of 371. The following extracts are taken verbatim from Dr. Marriott's report:—
"Any cases of illness occurring in this school are either treated under my care in the Infirmary in the building, or if of long duration or in such condition that their health might be a source of danger to others, they are transferred to the hospital at Wanchay for treatment, and in my opinion this well-arranged system accounts for the small amount of sickness among the scholars. I also inspected the dormitories and recreation rooms, school rooms, lavatories and bath rooms, and found all well kept, well ventilated, perfectly clean and sanitary in every way satisfactory."
While on the subject of health and sanitation, I may be permitted to state that Dr. V. M. Koch, of the Government Civil Hospital, has very kindly consented to give at the Convent a course of lectures

on "First Aid" to the sick and injured and a few of the teachers who are engaged in the work. Arrangements will be made that the lectures be held under the auspices of the St. John's Ambulance Association, and that the usual examination be held at the end of the course, for the certificate. At the suggestion of the Hon. Lecturer there will be two classes; girls over sixteen will attend one class, and there will be another course for those under 16, which course has to be rather more elementary. It is proposed that the lectures will commence after the Christmas vacation. The value and utility of "First Aid" have been so amply demonstrated that it is hoped many scholars will avail themselves of the kindness of Dr. Koch and attend the lectures in large number.

In concluding this report I am charged with the agreeable duty to thank our friends and patrons for their generous donations towards the Prize Fund, in particular His Lordship D. Foxcroft, Lady Chester, Mr. Ho Wing, Mr. Sin Tak Fan, Dr. F. M. Grace O'Connor, Mr. P. A. Kwok, Mr. Chao Po Sien and Mr. A. Abdolrahman.

The Prizes.
Lady May then presented the prizes, the full list being as follows:—

Largard Shield—1914, Florentina Nunes; 1915, Violet Tam. Senior Class—Un Pak Sun, University pass, with honours and distinction in English. Junior Class—Maid Braga, Nydia Barretto and Mary Walter, University pass with distinction in religious knowledge; Helen Clark, University pass with distinction in needlework; May Higgins, prize for English language and literature; Maria de Rosa, prize for conduct and needlework.

Pratimary Class—Florentina Nunes and Lindamita Nunes for general proficiency; Christina Ozerio for conduct and application; Eva Chu for conduct and needlework.

Class 4—Antonia Campos, Bertha Goon and Louisa Gill for general proficiency; Cynthia Tavares for application and Geography; Assunção Sian for application and arithmetic; Isabel del Campo for object lesson and needlework.

Class 5—Adela del Campo, Maria Remedios and Teresa Gill for general proficiency; Daisy Tam for composition and hygiene; Leuzinha de Jesus for religious knowledge and hygiene; Bertha Carvalho for application and reading; Sophia Nemaze for religious knowledge and reading; Triny Lopes for conduct and politeness; Maria Jison and Maria Teijoo for conduct and politeness; Sophia Anderson for conduct and application; Martha Cruz for needlework.

Class 6—Purita Campos and Agnes Fung for general proficiency; Juanita Gonzales for composition and geography; David Wan for arithmetic and grammar; Annie Pereira for needlework and drawing; Margaret Holden for dictation and geography; Alicia Carvalho for conduct and dictation; Conchita Jison for religious knowledge and grammar; Antonia Taulo for reading and arithmetic; Candida Taulo for recitation; Maria Baptista for embroidery; Alice Low and Laura Santos for needlework.

Class 7—Gloria Campos, Genevieve McGuire, Lily Mc Guire and Stella Rocha for general proficiency; Agnes Gill for religious knowledge and arithmetic; James Braga for composition and geography; Conchita Silva for dictation and drawing; Beatrice Johnson for religious knowledge and grammar; Soisie Kowall for application and reading; Alice Solomon for application and reading; Patricia Montalto for conduct and politeness.

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

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Class 9—Maria Soriano for conduct and general proficiency; Norah Barretto, Daisy Lyew, Soira Nemaze, Elsie Watt, Ida Sim, Sandy Owen, and Leonor Colloco for conduct and application.

Class 10 (i)—Rosie Kwok, Charlie de Rosa, Angeles Campos, Hassan Nemaze, Anita Kim, Celestina Xavier, Victor Lau, Conceicao Olase, Fernando Remedios, Irene Passmore for conduct and application.

Class 10 (ii)—Dorothy Ray, Alice de Rosa, Louis Tam, Lourdes Campos, Edward Olase, Robert Watt, Albert Ward, Alberto Castilho, Nelly Kew, and Alberto Baptista for conduct and application.

Special Prizes.

Drawing—Adela del Campo, Milly de Silva, Ivy Low and Gloria Campo.

French—Bertha Carvalho.

Music—For piano, Maria Jison, Conchita Jison, Maria Teijoo, Esther Carvalho, Emilia Figueiredo, Lily McGuire, Gloria Felices, Isabel del Campo, Purita Campos, Antonia Campos, Teresa Young.

For Violin—Assunção Sian.

Shorthand—Maud Braga (or spe d); Dorothea Roxavet and France Sayce Pitman's theory certificate.

Typewriting—Isabel del Campo, Triny Lopes and Eileen O'Sullivan.

Eurasian Orphan Girls—Otilia Ricci and Marianne Pompei for needle work; Luisa Dumas and Eugene Ricci for embroidery.

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Special Prize for Religious Knowledge—Carrie Tammyson.

The proceedings terminated with a closing address by Miss J. Harris-Walker and the singing of the National Anthem.

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Hongkong, 21st December, 1915.

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SHANGHAI, Kobe and Yokohama	Colombo Maru Capt. Sakamoto T. 8,000	SATURDAY, 25th Dec.
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NAGASAKI, Kobe & Yokohama	Hitachi Maru Capt. Tominga T. 13,500	FRI. 14th Jan. at 10 a.m.
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Raising a vessel submerged in
tropical waters is dangerous busi-
ness, according to an account in
Shipping Illustrated of the salvage
of a gunboat that had been sunk
in the harbour of Progress, Yucatan.
The sailors were in constant
danger owing to the attacks of
"voracious fishes, some of which
are more ferocious than sharks,
and far more determined in their
methods of attacking human
prey." A photograph of one of
these strange fishes, unnamed, is
published in attestation of the
statement.

Japanese Charters.

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1 year, Y.21,000; the Kagoshima,
5,500 tons, 1 year, Y.20,000; the
Nankai, 8,000 tons, 6 months,
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Y.7 a month per ton on the condi-
tion that the vessel would not be
sent to Europe.

The Calchas.

The Calchas, a Calchas,
which went ashore on Wilson
Point rocks, near Seattle, while
bound from Vancouver with a
cargo of tinmed salmon on October
9, was refloated on October 15
with the assistance of five tugs
after 30,000 cases of fish had been
discharged into the water and the
hole in her forehold patched up
by divers. After temporary re-
pairs had been executed, the
vessel was towed to Seattle, and
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Panama Canal.

Washington, Nov. 6.—The
slide at Gaillard cut on the
Panama Canal is costing the
Government many thousands of
dollars a day in loss of tolls. A
serious deficit has already appear-
ed, which must be taken care of
by Congress in the appropriations
during the coming session. For
four months the canal has been
making money, the excess of tolls
over expenditures at the end of
July being \$117,570. In August
came the slide and in a fortnight
a deficit had been made. The net
earnings of the canal this year
were at that time cut down to \$54-
392. This balance has been wiped
out, as the dredging this year in
Gaillard cut has cost \$257,593.
Just what repairing the damage
done by the present slide will cost
cannot be estimated now, but it
is likely that it will run up to
over a half a million dollars.

A Kansas Tornado.

Great Bend, Kansas, November
10.—Between fifty and sixty per-
sons are believed to have been
killed in a tornado which swept
this town this evening wrecking
the water works and electric light
plant. The town is in darkness.
According to reports, the Atchison,
Topeka and Santa Fe Railway
station was demolished and half
the houses of the city were wreck-
ed. Three large flour mills and
several grain elevators were in
the path of the storm.

Many buildings were swept
into a heap of debris, according
to a Western Union telegraph re-
port.

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MANILA	Yocasang	Fri. 24th Dec. at 3 p.m.
SPORE, Pang & Calcutta	Yocasang	Tues. 28th Dec. at 3 p.m.
SHAI Kobe & Moji	Namsang	Thurs. 30th Dec. at 4 light
SANDAKAN	Mausang	Fri. 31st Dec. at noon
SPORE, Pang & Calcutta	Mausang	Fri. 31st Dec. at 3 p.m.
MANILA	Loongsang	Fri. 31st Dec. at 3 p.m.

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London & Bombay etc.	Novara	P. & O.	14, Jan.

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San Francisco	Sado M.	N. Y. K.	11, Jan.
Victoria, B.C. & Seattle etc.	Kashimaba	B. L. L.	15, Jan.
Boston & New York	Chiyo M.	T. K. K.	25, Jan.
San Fco via S'hai & Japan etc.	Pernia M.	T. K. K.	31, Jan.
San Fco via S'hai & Japan etc.	E. of Japan	C. P. R.	2, Feb.
Vancouver	China	C. M. S. S.	9, Feb.
San Francisco	Thosdani	J.C.J. L.	1, Feb.
San Fco via Manila & Japan etc.	Tenyo M.	T. K. K.	15, Feb.
Vancouver	Monteagle	C. P. R.	16, Feb.
San Fco via S'hai & Japan etc.	E. of Russia	C. P. R.	24, Feb.
San Fco via S'hai & Japan etc.	Nippon M.	T. K. K.	25, Feb.
San Fco via S'hai & Japan etc.	Dairen M.	T. K. K.	3, Mar.
San Francisco	Anyo M.	T. K. K.	11, Mar.
San Francisco	Karimoon	J.C.J. L.	13, Mar.
San Francisco	Tikimong	J.C.J. L.	11, Apr.
San Francisco	China	C. M. S. S.	14, Apr.

AUSTRALIA.

Australian Ports via Manila	Empire	G. L. Co.	12, Jan.
Sydney & Melbourne via Manila	Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	14, Jan.
Australian Ports via Manila	Changsha	B. & S.	21, Jan.
Australian Ports via Manila	Eastern	G. L. Co.	31, Jan.
Sydney & Melbourne via Manila	Aldenhay	G. L. Co.	23, Feb.
Sydney & Melbourne via Manila	Hitachi M.	N. Y. K.	Feb.

SINGAPORE, COAST PORTS AND JAPAN.

Haiphong and Hainan	Loksang	J. M. Co.	22, Dec.
Shai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama	Novara	P. & O.	22, Dec.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Haitan	D. L. Co.	23, Dec.
Shanghai	Shantung	B. & S.	23, Dec.
Shanghai	Hopang	J. M. Co.	24, Dec.
Shanghai Moji & Kobe	Bombay	N. Y. K.	24, Dec.
Manila	Yuenyang	J. M. Co.	24, Dec.
Singapore	Fooking	J. M. Co.	24, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Colombo	N. Y. K.	25, Dec.
Singapore, Calcutta etc.	Kaga M.	N. Y. K.	25, Dec.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Tean	B. & S.	28, Dec.
Batavia	Titaroon	J.C.J. L.	28, Dec.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Hainan	D. L. Co.	28, Dec.
Shanghai	Shantung	J.C.J. L.	29, Dec.
Singapore via Amoy & Swatow	S. Jacob	J.C.J. L.	30, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe & Moji	Namsang	J. M. Co.	30, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Forbes	P. Thomas	31, Dec.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Asuta M.	N. Y. K.	31, Dec.
Singapore	Kunsang	J. M. Co.	31, Dec.
Manila	Loongsang	J. M. Co.	31, Dec.
Sandakan	Mausang	J. M. Co.	31, Dec.
Singapore & Bombay	Penang M.	N. Y. K.	3, Jan.
Batavia	Pilwong	J.C.J. L.	3, Jan.
Belawan Deli (Medan)	"Van S"	J.C.J. L.	4, Jan.
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yama	Nellore	P. & O.	7, Jan.
Kobe	Tibodas	J.C.J. L.	9, Jan.
Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Hitachi M.	N. Y. K.	14, Jan.
Manila and South Africa	Salamis	B. L. L.	25, Jan.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

AMERICAN MAIL.

The T.K.K. ss. ANYO MARU will sail for Hongkong on March 10, 1916.

The T.K.K. ss. TENYO MARU will sail on the 24th Nov. at noon—This steamer will next leave Hongkong on Tuesday the 15th February 1916 at noon.

The T.K.K. ss. SHINYOMARU which sailed from San Francisco on the 25th November is expected to arrive at this port via Honolulu, Japan Ports & Manila on Tuesday the 1st Dec. a.m.

CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. ss. EMPRESS OF JAPAN left Yokohama on Friday the 10th Dec. at 2 p.m. due to arrive Vancouver on the 2nd December.

The C.P.R. ss. MONTREAL left Yokohama on Wednesday the 2nd Dec. and is due to arrive Vancouver on Saturday the 1st January.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.

Standard, Am. ss. 394, O. Johannesen, 15th Dec.—Saigon, Rice—T. & Co.

Fung Kung, Br. ss. 308, J. Mason, 9th Dec.—Singapore, 4th Dec. Gen.—China.

Nicherson, Mar. 1,400, S. Smith, 11th Dec.—Rangoon, 4th Dec. Timber—D. & Co.

Kashim, Br. ss. 1,143, Regan, 14th Dec.—Shanghai, 10th Dec. Gen.—Ordn.

Tasoma, Br. ss. 735, Stewart, 15th Dec.—Haiphong, 11th Dec. Gen.—B. & S.

Telmach, Br. ss. 1,340, A. Fraser, 16th Dec.—Saigon, 7th Dec. Gen.—China.

Pansang, Br. ss. 1,418, H. S. Malkin, 17th Dec.—Saigon, 10th Dec. Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Kito, Br. ss. 4,020, J. A. Smith, 17th Dec.—Shanghai, 14th Dec. Gen.—S. T. & Co.

Pakhoi, Br. ss. 1,221, A. Tucker, 17th Dec.—Amoy, 14th Dec. Gen.—B. & S.

Middleham Castle, Br. ss. 2,900, Griffiths, 18th Dec.—Singapore, 10th Dec. Bullage—D. & Co.

Hongkong, Fr. ss. 738, A. Marguerite, 18th Dec.—Haiphong, 10th Dec. Gen.—A. B. Marcy.

Fooking, Br. ss. 1,433, J. M. Hay, 20th Dec.—Saigon, 14th Dec. Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Nippo, Mar. Jap. ss. 2,331, S. Zimbo, 20th Dec.—Mila, 23rd Dec. Coal—M. B. K.

Lynon, Br. ss. 7533, J. W. Walker, 20th Dec.—Saigon, 14th Dec. Gen.—B. & S.

Tangus, Norw. ss. 1,031, C. Cornelissen, 20th Dec.—Swatow, 19th Dec. Rice—L. & Co.

Tasman, Br. ss. 1,260, Cogran, 20th Dec.—Canton, 14th Dec. Gen.—B. & S.

Huan, Br. ss. 1,143, Wm. McDonald, 20th Dec.—Weihai, 14th Dec. Rice—B. & S.

Shiyo, Mar. Jap. ss. 3,362, W. J. T. F. L. M. 21st Dec.—San Francisco, 20th Nov. Gen.—T. K. K.

Yuenyang, Br. ss. 1,755, W. M. Munsey, 21st Dec.—Manila, 18th Dec. Gen.—J. M. & Co.

VESSELS DUE.

Agents.	Vessel's Name.	Tonnage.	Date Due.	From.
R. & S.	Hyson	8,608	Dec. 23	London
B. & S.	Edam	4,543	Dec. 24	Liverpool
J.C.J. L.	Tikimong		Dec. 24	Java
N. Y. K.	Kaga Maru	12,000	Dec. 24	Yokohama
J.C.J. L.	Titaroon		Dec. 25	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Atsuta Maru	11,000	Dec. 27	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Kashima Maru	11,000	Dec. 27	Yokohama
J.C.J. L.	Nankin		Dec. 29	Yokohama
B. & S.	Tikimong		Dec. 29	Batavia
J.C.J. L.	Helenus	7,553	Dec. 31	London
S. T. & Co.	Tilwong		Dec. 31	Amoy
P. & O.	Kashimaba	4,104	Jan. 1	New York
N. Y. K.	Nellore		Jan. 1	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Penang Maru	8,000	Jan. 1	Yokohama
P. & O.	Sado Maru	6,227	Jan. 1	Yokohama
J.C.J. L.	Kashim		Jan. 4	Yokohama
B. & S.	Tibodas		Jan. 4	Manila
J.C.J. L.	Knights Companion	7,433	Jan. 7	London
G. L. & Co.	Arakan		Jan. 7	Java
T. K. K.	Eastern	3,586	Jan. 7	Australia
P. & O.	Pernia Maru	8,000	Jan. 9	San Francisco
N. Y. K.	Monara		Jan. 9	London
P. & O.	Hitachi Maru	6,557	Jan. 13	Australia
N. Y. K.	Novara		Jan. 13	Yokohama
T. K. K.	Nikko Maru	9,600	Jan. 13	Yokohama
P. & O.	Chiyo Maru	22,000	Jan. 14	San Francisco
B. & S.	Sardinia	6,574	Jan. 15	London
N. Y. K.	Changsha	6,263	Jan. 16	Australia
N. Y. K.	Awa Maru	6,309	Jan. 16	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Shidomoka Maru		Jan. 24	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Suwa Maru		Jan. 26	Yokohama
P. & O.	Kashim	21,000	Jan. 27	Yokohama
P. & O.	Nainur		Jan. 28	Yokohama
G. L. & Co.	Aldenhay	6,694	Jan. 29	London
P. & O.	Nore	3,808	Jan. 30	Australia
J.C.J. L.	Tisodani		Feb. 5	London
T. K. K.	Tenyo Maru		Feb. 7	Java
N. Y. K.	Atsuta Maru	22,000	Feb. 7	San Francisco
P. & O.	Sardinia		Feb. 9	Yokohama
P. & O.	Nankin	6,574	Feb. 11	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Atsuta Maru		Feb. 12	London
P. & O.	Atsuta Maru		Feb. 13	Seattle
N. Y. K.	Mongara		Feb. 14	Yokohama
J.C.J. L.	Tango Maru		Feb. 16	Australia
J.C.J. L.	Kashimoon		Mar. 7	Java
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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1915.

THE SHANGHAI ARMS CASE

TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND GERMAN RIFLES.

Assessed before the Court.

At the Shanghai Mixed Court, on December 15, Yan Ching-foo, Tsang Yung-tung, Chan Ah-chau, Bao Ling-yi, and Tsang Tsung-ling were charged with having, on December 2, attempted to sell firearms in the Settlement, without having obtained a license from the Municipal Council to do so, contrary to bylaw 34, and further with conspiring to keep certain military arms, to wit, rifles, without official permission, contrary to section 264 of the Chinese Criminal Code.

Mr. T. E. Newman appeared for the prosecution. Mr. G. D. Mason watched the case on behalf of the Chinese Government and Mr. H. D. Hodger defended one of the accused.

Mr. Newman said that the case was one of the most difficult that he had ever known. The first two were carrying on negotiations quite apart from the other three but they ultimately met together and treated with the police agent who eventually effected their arrest. The evidence which he would put before the Court was very short. An interpreter of the Central Police Station would explain that in consequence of certain information received he met four of the defendants. They were arrested in a tea shop and the fifth was apprehended in the mouth of an alleyway. The interpreter had negotiations with two of the men and they brought along the other two. They were taken to the Police Station and there they made statements which showed that a man named Tsao Ling-yi was the person closely connected and he was subsequently arrested. Detective Colliery would state that on Tsao were found the following two documents:—

Shanghai, September 7.
To whom it may concern, this is to state that I have asked Choo Ling-chi to get this sample of Browning pistol for me.
Signed, T. H. Morrison,
British American Tobacco Co.
The other one read:—
I have received from Choo Ling-chi one Browning pistol, Belgian make, as a sample.
T. H. Morrison.

Tsao (Choo) made a full statement as to his dealings with Mr. Morrison and had signed his statement. In it he also gave the names of two other foreigners with whom he had dealings in arms. Those principals were Germans, one being called "Young Schratter" of Schratter and Co., 51B, Kiangse Road, and the other Loescher, who he, Mr. Newman, thought was connected with the firm of Schratter and Co. Apparently none of their deals came off. They had very nearly brought them to a successful conclusion, but they were still open to treat with the police inspector.

Detective Sub-inspector Brewster would give evidence of searching Tsao's residence and finding a card of Loescher's which bore the following written on it:—"Call at once at my office as I have news for you." Loescher was a German subject and Schratter was an Austrian. Before the first prisoner was arrested he wrote out a list of the arms he was prepared to sell the interpreter; they were:—21,000 German rifles, 1888 pattern, and 500 rounds of ammunition each, £12.62 each; 1,800 Browning pistols with magazines to carry seven cartridges, and one hundred rounds of ammunition, \$62 each; 2,100 Browning pistols with magazines

capable of holding nine cartridges, and one hundred rounds of ammunition each, \$47 each; 800 second-hand Moser pistols with 180 rounds each, \$69 each; lots of 400 and 500 Browning at various prices and 15,800 Hanyang rifles almost new, with 500 rounds of ammunition each, £15.50 each. Mr. Morrison would be called as a witness and would probably want to make an explanation to the Court.

Thomas Francis Morrison, clerk in the British American Tobacco Co., said that he knew Tsao had known him for ten years and had had business dealings with him. He recognized the two papers produced by Mr. Newman. They referred to transactions in firearms. Tsao was to bring the firearms to the witness to whom he was to sell them.

Mr. Newman:—Are you now prepared to say where the arms came from?—No because they are not mine. I simply was acting as agent for someone else.

Do you think you were employed as agent for someone else, or have you been hoodwinked into being a sub-agent for someone?—I think I was a sub-agent; I was hoodwinked.

Are you prepared to say or not that the supposed principal was a Chinese?—The principal was not a Chinese.

Was the 50 a fair price for the rifles?—I could not say.

If there is nothing wrong in the transaction then there is no reason why you should not disclose the name of the principal?—I would not like to disclose his name, until I ask him, as I would not like to get him into trouble.

Mr. Newman:—Do you claim the privilege of a witness? You must answer the questions unless they are such as the court may deem likely to disclose your guilt as having done something wrong. Do you claim that privilege?—I am not afraid to incriminate myself. The Assessor:—Then you must answer the question. This is a Chinese court and you are a foreign witness. We cannot take proceedings against you but we can ask a sister court to examine you upon oath and they can force you to do so.

Witness:—My principal is J. C. Lewis.

On the following day, Mr. Newman informed the Court that, as a result of the previous day's hearing, another witness would have to appear before the Court on subpoena. Subject to that he had closed his case.

The cases of the first three defendants were then dealt with.

In answer to Mr. Newman the defendant said he had been employed by the B.A.T. Co. some four years ago for about a year, after which he went to the Union Commercial Company. Asked why he wanted to get Zee introduced to foreign firms, the defendant said that the reason was because the Chinese had no arms and foreigners had. They must be kept by big firms.

Mr. Newman:—Which particular foreign firms?—Like Jardine, Matheson & Co. and Siemens.

Why did you mention Siemens?—Who told you about it?—I thought about it.

Mr. Newman said that the three men before the Court had different degrees of guilt. It was well-known to the Court that there had recently been disturbances in Shanghai, that there had been very considerable dealings in arms throughout the Settlement between foreigners and Chinese, and Chinese and Chinese, and that it was the endeavour of the Police to stamp out these dealings as being in their opinion, and in that of every thinking man, bound to lead to sedition and disturbances against the peace and good order of the Settlement and China. In order to affect these large transactions in arms it had been necessary, owing to a secrecy that must be employed, to use a large number of

THE PACIFIC MAIL.

Will the Standard Oil Co. Finance it?

A Washington wire, dated December 15, which appears in the *Kansas Bulletin*, has the following:—

The return of the Pacific Mail flag to the Pacific ocean is suggested by the announcement from New York that a new corporation, financed by the Rockefeller Standard Oil interests, has purchased the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, and that the trans-Pacific service of the company will in all probability be resumed in the near future on a larger scale than before the company withdrew from the Oriental trade, ostensibly because of the passage of the Seamen's bill.

Messrs. W. R. Grace and Co. of New York City have been appointed representatives of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company under the new owners. This firm owns a fleet of five large new steamers operated under its own name, and is also owner of the Atlantic and Pacific Steamship Company which operates two new steamers.

The above steamers, added to the Pacific Mail fleet not already sold to the Atlantic transport line, will make a fleet of about twenty vessels available for the trans-Pacific trade, though it is certain that only a portion of these will be so utilized.

The vessels now under control of Messrs. W. R. Grace and Co. are:

Owned by Grace and Company:		
Name	Built	Gross Tons
Chincha	1912	6,395
Santa Catalina	1913	6,310
Santa Clara	1913	6,310
Cecilia	1910	6,202
Colosa	1913	5,732

Atlantic and Pacific Steamship Company.

Santa Cecilia	1913	6,310
Santa Cruz	1913	5,081

Pacific Mail Steamship Company		
City of Paris	1878	3,532
Peru	1892	3,528
Aztec	1894	3,508
Pennsylvania	1872	3,343
City of Sydney	1875	3,017
Newport	1880	2,735
Acapulco	1873	2,572
Barracouta	1883	2,152
San Jose	1882	2,081
San Juan	1882	2,076
Costa Rica	1891	1,783
Isabel	1897	203
Arabe	1884	155

It is understood that additional steamers are to be purchased or built and that the new owners intend to place their trans-Pacific fleet on a basis which will ensure the advancement of American trade in the Orient.

agents. This fact the three accused now before the Court had not been slow to take advantage of for it offered to them a somewhat risky but remunerative form of living without very much labour. The principals, by these large number of agents, were able to cover themselves and to cover up their tracks and it was only by dealing with these agents, when they were before brought the Court that the system which was unfortunately springing up in the Settlement could be stamped out.

Mr. Grant Jones said that he agreed with the prosecution that the stories told by the defendants were incredible. The defendants knew well the state of affairs in the country and of those outside the country. They had taken their chance and had seen the possibility of making their profit. He found them guilty, but deferred sentence.

ALLEGED BANGLE-SNATCHING.

A Chinese, charged with snatching bangles, was brought before Mr. J. B. Wood at the Police Court this morning, when it was stated by the complainant, a woman, that she was carrying her two-year-old child, which was asleep on her back, and when she was in Sai Street, she suddenly felt a pull, and looking round, caught the defendant in the act of stealing two bangles which were on the child's hand. She seized hold of him and succeeded in keeping him until the police arrived. One of the bangles was recovered, but the other was thrown away and apparently stolen by a confederate. The bangles were worth \$5.50. The case was adjourned to allow the defendant to call a witness.

THE LATE SIR CHARLES TUPPER.

Impressive Funeral at Halifax.

Halifax, Nov. 16.—The body of Sir Charles Tupper, formerly Prime Minister of Canada, and the last link with pre-confederation times, with all the impressiveness of a state funeral was laid to rest in the quiet cemetery of St. John's to-day; after the remains had been carried through the streets of Halifax from St. Paul's Anglican Church, where a solemn service was held.

The period of lying in state ended this morning, and during the twelve hours that the body was on view it is estimated that more than ten thousand persons passed it to look for the last time at the peaceful features of the aged statesman, lying in the plain oak casket, shrouded in the Union Jack.

The procession which followed the body to the grave in St. John's cemetery, where Sir Charles was buried near Lady Tupper, emphasized the fruition that his efforts as a public man have brought. Thus, the imperial aspect of his work was testified to by the presence of Lord Richard Neville, the representative of the Duke of Connaught, the Governor-General; the Lady Dominica that has sprung from Confederation, by the prime minister, members of the House of Commons, and those here on behalf of the various provinces, and the railways that owed so much to his vision and determined advocacy in Parliament were represented by Sir Thomas Shaggnessy, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway; Sir William Mackenzie, president of the Canadian Northern, and Sir Henry Drayton, chairman of the Dominion Railway Commission.

The more personal element in the concourse of mourners was provided by Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper and Sir Charles Tupper, the latter the statesman's heir. The procession, which was two miles long, contained several naval and military contingents. The service in St. Paul's Church was intensely moving. The music included Chopin's "Marche Funèbre" and the favourite hymns of Sir Charles: "Peace, Perfect Peace" and "Now the Labourer's Task is O'er."

Opium in Canton.
Says the *Weekly Canton News Letter*:—

In Canton opium may be bought in retail, as long as one has 45 cents, as there are shops on every street selling "medical paste," a new name for the deadly drug. The Hunan authorities have submitted a report to the Government on the progress of the opium suppression during the seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth months. In the seventh month 3,296 criminals for dealing in or smoking opium; in the eighth month the number was 2,875; in the ninth 2,489; and in the tenth month 1,931.

THE SILVER MARKET.

Messrs. Montagu's Report.

Concerning silver, Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Co. write on November 18 as follows:—

The market for silver continued to develop, and prices during the last few days have advanced with easy confidence. Attention has been drawn in several preceding letters to the excellence of the undertone. Home and foreign coinage orders have readily absorbed not only arrivals, but also a portion of the stock held on account of China.

Only a little additional competition was needed to give an impetus sufficient to cause the level of the price to rise perceptibly. This competition was provided by an injury from the Indian Bazaar, which set in with some activity when the news reached India that the London Stock had been reduced to about £75,000.

The same announcement provoked some orders to replenish the recently depleted holdings on account of China. As a consequence, the market found itself in the exceptional position of receiving buying orders from four distinct quarters at once. The quotation reached to-day—24 1/2—1/2—the highest touched since September 12, when 25d. was fixed.

President Carranza has been exerting pressure upon the Banks in Mexico, in order that they should comply with the provisions of the Banking Law, which ordains that 50 per cent. of their Note Issues should be covered by a reserve in specie. The banks declare that an enforcement of compliance would force the majority of them into liquidation. In the circumstances, the demand may be waived for a time, but if received wholly or partially, the effect would be to lessen that export of silver which a restoration of tranquillity in Mexico might otherwise have been expected to ensure.

An Indian currency return for November 15 gave details as follows, in lakhs of rupees:—

Notes in circulation	61.91
Reserve in silver coin	34.72
Gold coin and bullion	7.04
Gold in England	6.15

The stock in Bombay consists of 8,000 bars as compared with 8,300 last week. No shipment has been made from San Francisco to Hongkong during the week.

Messrs. Mocatta and Goldsmid in their summary of the silver market on the same date, advise:—

The good undertone of the silver market mentioned in our last circular has developed during the past week into decided firmness and the price has advanced rather rapidly from 24 7/16 to 24 1/2—1/2, which is to-day's quotation.

The chief cause for the firmness has been that substantial orders have been received from the Indian Bazaar, and these, coming on a market where the supplies have for some time been easily absorbed by Home and Continental coinage orders, have naturally caused an advance. China, too, has been a considerable buyer, although there has also been a little selling from that quarter. The fact that the stock of silver held in London has been found to be considerably less than had been estimated, has also not been without its influence, and it is felt that although there may be considerable stocks in New York, the demand is likely to absorb slightly increased supplies without any unfavourable effect on quotations.

FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS.

ROUND THE SHOPS.

HONGKONG'S CHRISTMAS DISPLAYS.

WHAT OUR ADVERTISERS HAVE TO OFFER THE PUBLIC.

Once again Hongkong shops have assumed their Christmas garb, and it only needs the most casual observation to realise that the stock of seasonable articles at present on offer in the numerous business establishments is larger and more varied than ever before. The displays being made by the leading firms of the Colony are most certainly a distinct credit to the houses concerned, the more so when one remembers the difficulties which the war has created in the matter of importation of goods. Below, in handy style, we give a few notes which should be useful to shoppers at this time of the year, indicating what *Telegraph* advertisers have to offer the public:—

A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd.
The name of A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., whose premises are situated in Des Voeux Road, where they carry on an extensive business as pharmacists, wine merchants, and general confectioners, is synonymous with reliability. This, indeed, is the keynote of the success which their business has attained and the large clientele which the firm enjoys, and the continued patronage of the public, provides the best testimony they can have. Their various departments, without exception, contain goods which bear the hall mark of class. Special attention has been bestowed on Christmas gifts, and here one can secure, at very moderate charges, the many articles which go to form presents in keeping with the festive season. In perfumery, confectionery, choice wines, and smokers' requisites, the firm possesses one of the best and most varied stocks in the Colony at prices which suit all pockets.

Messrs. Montrie and Co., Ltd.
This well-known and enterprising firm is quite prepared for the Christmas rush in the matter of things musical. Owing to the ever-increasing demand for the Victor-Victrola and Victorrecords, Messrs. Montrie and Co. have found it necessary to erect another demonstrating room in their store. The new room, being entirely sound proof to all external noise, will prove a boon for Victor and record demonstrating. A complete line of all the different styles of Victrolas is stocked and the prices suit the convenience of every purse. The firm's very extensive stock of records will enable intending purchasers to make a choice selection. So far as pianos are concerned, the 1918 model Montrie piano gives ample evidence of the great strides made in the manufacture of these instruments, of which nearly 2,000 are now in use. With practically 40 years' experience, Montrie's are able to guarantee their pianos for a test period of five years, which is ample proof of the standing qualities of these instruments. New models have also arrived of the famous Weber and Allison pianos. In keeping with all things musical, they have a large and varied stock of new music, and instruments of all kinds.

The Hongkong Hotel.
Probably one half of the European population in the Colony reside in hotels, but, notwithstanding, people do occasionally like a little change from the routine which is apt to become very tiresome when one sees the same faces day after day at the same tables. A change is as good as a rest, so it is said, and if this be true, a rest can be had at the Hongkong Hotel, where the management, in response to the request of many patrons and others, have arranged a series of dances to be held during the Christmas season. These dances, which are to be open to residents and diners in the hotel, will take place on Christmas Eve, Boxing Day and New Year's Eve, by kind permission of Lord.

Colonel L. A. Watson and officers, the Band of the Punjab, under Bandmaster Christian, will be in attendance. Special menus are to be served each night.

Dannely and White.
According to the well-known saying, "Good wine needs no bush." To a certain extent this is quite true, but everyone does not know where that good wine can be procured. It behooves those, therefore, who wish to grace the festive board this Yuletide with good liquor to either write or call at the premises of the above firm, where they will be sure of receiving expert advice, and, if they purchase, the very best wines it is possible to get anywhere in the Colony. The terms are most reasonable, and, for the convenience of customers, the firm has made up assorted cases, thereby doing away with a great deal of the trouble which attaches to a purchase of this description. There are, of course, varying prices, but the lowest priced case can be thoroughly recommended, as can the higher priced ones, and none can fail to give satisfaction. Liquors of the premier brands are in stock and a bottle of any particular brand can be placed in any case.

The Victoria Dispensary.
When one hears the word "chemist" one almost instinctively thinks of obnoxious drugs, and these at all times, and particularly at Christmas, are things which people do their best to avoid. But in these days, up-to-date chemists' shops are resplendent with other articles of a more delectable nature than medicines and ointments, and the Victoria Dispensary is not behind in this regard. Residents wishing to buy presents of a seasonable character will do well to pay a visit to the above shop, where an excellent stock of perfumes, cigars, cigarettes, and a large and varied assortment of cigar and cigarette holders is on view. In keeping with a firm of the standing of the Victoria Dispensary, the articles sold are of the very best quality and the approval of purchasers is a foregone conclusion.

Gande, Price and Co., Ltd.
Who has not experienced that thrill of delight when at school on the receipt of a Christmas hamper—the anticipation which precedes the opening, and the gratification when the contents are revealed? Those days have gone past for the older ones, but there are still Christmas hampers capable of affording as much pleasure to adults as the ones in the old days did. Such hampers can be obtained at Gande, Price and Co., Ltd.—hampers which contain the choicest of choice wines and spirits. In fact, they contain everything which should be on a reasonably expected to be on the table at Christmas. The various brands are of tip-top quality and are fit to grace the best of tables. In their favor, it should be said that the prices are very modest, and the No. 2 hamper is little inferior to the

No. 1. A visit to Gande, Price and Co., will help greatly towards solving the what-to-drink problem.

William Powell, Ltd.
One of the best known firms in the Colony is that of William Powell, Ltd., whose reputation for enterprise is above question. For Christmas, they are making a special show, and a glance at their well-arranged and well-stocked windows will no doubt call to mind just something you want which you have not seen elsewhere. There are beautiful presents in large array. The ladies especially will be suited by the excellent display of goods. There is an ample choice of such presents as handbags for sets, umbrellas and en-tout cas, dainty neckwear, fancy handkerchiefs, gloves, and scarves, and a multitude of other articles guaranteed to please. One must not forget the toys, Messrs. Powell's stock of which it would be hard to beat.

Hongkong Cigar Store.
Perhaps smokers' requisites form one of the most popular of the large variety of Christmas presents. And at this time the gentler sex should not forget the above store, because, let it be whispered, there they will be shown the easiest way out of a difficulty which really presents no light problem, and they will have the satisfaction of knowing that the articles they buy there will be most acceptable to their recipients. The Hongkong Cigar Store has an exceptional stock of what is a well-known fact that here one can purchase the best cigars and cigarettes to be had, and, in addition, the firm has a wonderful selection of cigar and cigarette holders and cases, and many other things which will please male friends. In their other departments the firm has a large number of beautiful articles, such as silver, copper, and bronze ware, and other ornaments of a dainty character. The store is one of the places in the Colony which should not be missed this week.

The Robinson Piano Company.
It is inconceivable what Christmas would be like without music to cheer and add that genial atmosphere to the festive season which is so indispensable, and in recent years the piano, although not superseded, has had a close rival in the gramophone and phonograph. The last named instruments are becoming greater favorites each year because of the diversity of the music they afford. To intending purchasers of either instrument we would point out that the Robinson Piano Company has a fine range from which to choose. It has almost every make of piano to suit varying tastes, and its gramophones, which are among the best obtainable in the Colony, are as perfect as inventive genius can make them. For those who are lovers of piano music, and who regret the lack of accomplishment to play, the Robinson Piano Co. can supply the newest auto piano, with a number of rolls of the latest music, at astonishingly modest prices. Anyone visiting the premises may rest assured of receiving the best attention, skill and advice from the manager and his assistants.

The Alexandra Cafe.
Almost everyone knows what a pleasure it is to dine out on occasions, especially when the restaurant they choose is one of the leading ones in the particular place in which they reside and at which they are sure of good food and of being well served. Those who wish once again to partake of that pleasure can do so at Christmas, or at any other time for that matter, at the Alexandra Cafe. They will be sure of hot meals always being ready on hand, and, not only that, but the menu of this well-known cafe is sure to be exceedingly well arranged. Essentially Christmas fare will be put up, and for that reason alone it will be the more

acceptable. The service is exceptionally good, too, and patrons may be sure that they will go away with that comfortable feeling which is present when one has partaken of a well-cooked, well-served dinner.

Mackintosh and Co., Ltd.
The above firm is one of the best known in the Colony. It possesses a big reputation for reliability and correct taste as well as for the quality of its goods. In keeping with the festive season which is now on us, Messrs. Mackintosh and Co. have filled their premises with the newest of new goods, the stock including an excellent array of tastefully designed ties, warm mufflers (which should prove a boon to the Volunteers), studs, cuff links, etc., all of which are exceptionally well suited to form Christmas presents for relatives and friends. An inspection of the firm's stock will be time well spent.

Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Co.
It is no exaggeration to say that one could probably spend a whole day in this firm's premises at any time of the year, but when Christmas draws nigh, and special arrangements have been made to tempt the public, it is with a feeling of lingering regret that one leaves the building, especially so in the case of those who are lovers of children, for here there is such a wonderful large assortment of the most wonderful toys, games, and general novelties so dear to the hearts of the little ones, that a direct appeal is made. There is everything from the rocking horse to the motor car, and a large consignment of dolls has just arrived. The grocery department, as in former years, possesses a very comprehensive stock of table delicacies so indispensable at Christmas time. Ties and other articles required by gentlemen can be procured in the gent's department, and even in the furniture department there are new goods which cannot fail to appeal to visitors at the store.

The Peak Hotel.
The above hotel is known to be one of the best situated in the Colony, both from a health point of view and also for the excellent panorama it commands. It is always well patronized by residents and visitors, and at Christmas this fact is worth noting, for the more the guests the more merrier will be the time. The management has arranged that there shall be a special dinner for residents and visitors on Christmas Day, and it is anticipated, too, that there will be some music arranged. For those who have not yet decided how they will spend the festive season it may be suggested that a walk up The Peak in the afternoon, and dinner at The Peak Hotel, would not be out of place. The excellence of the food and service is too familiar to need any praise, and guests at the Hotel will be quite certain of having a good dinner and a happy time.

Messrs. Kelly and Walsh.
There are, in these days, hundreds of mechanical toys for the children which were unknown some years ago and as time goes on their number increases. But, none the less, picture story books will, as they have always done, hold the premier place in the hearts of little ones. For Christmas, Messrs. Kelly and Walsh anticipated that there would be a great demand for these popular presents, and large and new stocks were procured from Home.

Messrs. N. Lazarus.
Equipped with the latest scientific instruments for testing the sight, Mr. N. Lazarus, of 28, Queen's Road, certainly claims attention by the ever growing number of people who have to have recourse to the aid of glasses. One of the advantages attending a visit to this establishment

is that the eyes are tested free of all charge, and if it should be found necessary to recommend glasses these are supplied on the most reasonable of terms. At Christmas time one should give a heed to such things as the eyes, for the enjoyment is sure to be marred if the bad condition of them brings with it the inevitable headaches. Whilst folk are keen on supplying presents to friends, they should not be forgetful of their own welfare, and it would be a profitable investment to secure the aid of properly adjusted and helpful glasses.

Wiseman, Limited.
There are many people this Christmas who will stay at home and entertain friends in their own houses or flats, but in more cases than one they will not care to trust their own cooks with the important work of preparing their Christmas fare. Wiseman, Limited, have anticipated this difficulty, and, for the convenience of those so situated, they have arranged to have a large stock of freshly-baked Christmas cakes, pastries and other delectable dainties ready for those who require them; and it is a foregone conclusion that there will be a big demand. As confectioners, Wiseman, Limited, are noted, and customers will have the assurance that everything they buy here will be of the very best. The baking is under the supervision of their English manager, who is in possession of gold medals for the baking of Christmas puddings and Dundee cakes, and patrons, therefore, are bound to be satisfied.

Messrs. Dias Bros.
The smartly-dressed man always claims attention, and this rule applies just as much in Hongkong as elsewhere. It is, therefore, of the highest importance to the business man that he should be neatly and at the same time smartly fitted with a good suit. Guaranteeing to supply men with a perfect fit, Messrs. Dias Bros., of 1, Wyndham Street, ought to be visited by those who stand in need of something new in the clothing line. Nothing would be nicer for the holiday than one of this firm's latest suits, a very large selection of materials being kept in stock from which customers may choose. Established in 1900, Messrs. Dias Bros. have made for themselves a reputation that has been maintained by satisfaction being given, and every attention will be bestowed on all customers.

The Sending of Parcels.
The sending away of parcels is always a matter that gives some concern, but if they are entrusted to the care and supervision of Wells Fargo and Company it is certain that the utmost care will be exercised over their dispatch and delivery. To any part of the world parcels can be sent through this well-known firm, special attention being given to the shipping of tourists' baggage and purchases. The Hongkong representatives are Messrs. B. Monteith Webb and Co., of 1a, Chater Road, who will be pleased to give any information to those desiring the same. Travellers often find a difficulty in getting their cheques cashed, but they are always accommodated in this direction by this firm.

A. B. The Swedish Trading Co., Ltd., of York Building, have established a reputation for reliability of goods sold and their stock includes many articles useful to engineering men and suitable for household use. Among their special lines at the present time is the Jager Electric Accumulator, which would be a valuable adjunct to those who possess electric lamps or cars. It has been described as the ideal accumulator for any kind of lighting or ignition device, and this claim is fully upheld by users. This firm also announces that a large assortment of accumulators and cells has just arrived and those having need of such should not fail to pay a visit to their premises.

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Grand Hotel de l'Europe.
To those who have to travel, the question of hotel accommodation is one that is apt to give rise to a considerable amount of speculation as to which is the best establishment to patronize, but for those going to Singapore this need not be a source of worry, for the Grand Hotel de l'Europe, which is the best situated hotel in the town, is both reasonable and productive of every comfort. A fact that will be appreciated is that every room has its own bath room, with dressing room attached, and the most up-to-date sanitary arrangements prevail throughout the establishment. Mr. H. E. Waring, the acting manager, will be pleased to answer any enquiries.

New Macao Hotel.
Macao is sufficiently attractive to merit quite a large influx of visitors from Hongkong for the holiday, and for those who intend to make the journey it might be pointed out that the New Macao Hotel, on the Praya Grand, offers, both for residents and tourists, excellent accommodation. The hotel has been entirely renovated throughout and newly furnished, and is up-to-date in every respect. One of the principal things is that the terms are moderate.

Messrs. Ching Cheong.
The many varied uses that kerosene oil is put to creates a very large demand for this article. In the realm of cooking, heating, locomotion and lighting it is widely used, but one of the essential things connected with its use is that it must be pure. Guaranteeing all kerosene oil sold by them to be pure and unadulterated, Messrs. Ching Cheong, of 183, Des Voeux Road, and Kwong Yuen, of 91, Des Voeux Road West, claim the patronage of all users of this oil. Two special qualities are kept in stock, and both these are as reliable as their high qualities permit.

Man Loong.
Laying claim to be the leading manufacturers in the Colony of first-class preserves, ginger and soy, Messrs. Man Loong, whose office is at 36, Des Voeux Road West, should enjoy a good trade at this time of the year, when the purchasing of such delicacies is one of the features of the holiday. The factory at Yau-mat is a model of cleanliness, whilst the fruit and ginger are all fresh and of the first pick. Only the best quality of sugar is used in the making of the syrup, and the products of this firm are both rich in quality and of the most seasonable nature.

Standard Life Assurance Co.
With the coming of the New Year, when so many good resolutions are made, only to be broken in many cases, it is as well to remind our readers that they should begin to look after such things as insurance policies. That the Standard Life Assurance Company is one of the very best to join is proved by the vast experience of those who belong to it. A thing that should appeal to all parents is the new scheme for children's early endowment, the features of which are particularly attractive. A pamphlet and full particulars will be sent on application to the agents at Hongkong, Messrs. Dodwell and Co., Ltd.

Exile Garage.
Those desiring a motor car can be assured of expert service and every satisfaction by visiting the Exile Garage, at 23-25, Des Voeux

Road, no matter whether it is for hire or purchase. This firm has already established a reputation for efficiency with economy, and, judging by the growing business, has become quite a prominent commercial concern. Up to about four years ago such a thing as a motor car was quite unknown in the Colony, but now they are to be seen almost every turn. The reason is no doubt that the fine trips to be enjoyed have proved a fascination to the public and at this time of the year this is the case more than ever. For the Christmas holiday a "joy-ride" as motor trips have been described—ought to be a must to many. Those who think of going in for this ought not to remember the Exile Garage.

Asahi Beer.
The splendid qualities of Asahi beer are well-known throughout the East and nowhere more so than in Hongkong. Made by the Dai Nippon Brewery Co., Tokio, Japan, this light lager beer has everything to recommend it to the public. As a thirst-quencher of a palatable and refreshing nature, it stands almost unrivalled, and its large sale testifies to the fact that it is appreciated by all who become acquainted with it. These agents in Hongkong are the Minami Bazaar Kaisha, and in ordering the Christmas drinks people will do well to remember this firm.

Nomura Bros.
It is natural that everyone should want to look at their best at the Christmas holiday, and there is no more important factor for attractiveness than correct toilet. At Messrs. Nomura Bros' hair-dressing saloon, 18, Queen's Road Central (opposite the Hongkong Hotel Buildings) customers will find that their individual requirements are attended to with the utmost care and attention. This firm specializes in electric face massage, an increasingly popular treatment.

Dragon Cycle Depot.
The increasing popularity of the motor car as a means of enjoyment has been evidenced very strikingly in the Colony of late and there is every reason to justify the fact, for a spin round the island provides one with a healthy and most enjoyable diversion to the everyday things of life. Whilst it is not possible for everyone to own a car of his own, it is possible to hire a car for a most reasonable amount, and many residents can testify to the prompt and cheap service maintained by the Dragon Cycle Depot, which, besides having cars for hire, has a good stock of cars for sale. What could be nicer on Christmas Day than a trip in one of this firm's excellently appointed cars? For the convenience of Kowloon residents it might be pointed out that the Kowloon Branch is at 26, Nathan Road.

Anderson Music Co.
For real, sound value, no one should fail to visit the Anderson Music Company's shop at 6, Des Voeux Road, where the best of everything in the musical line is kept in stock. The sole agents for the celebrated pianos by Collard and Collard, and Broadwood, of London, the Company claims to have, by reason of a fresh arrival of instruments this week, the finest selection of pianos in the Colony—at least of British make. The all-round excellence of the Collard gramophones and records is well-known and of both instruments and records the firm are the sole agents for Hongkong and South China. During the past few days, when the firm received over 2,000 new records and several machines, the stock including selections from operas as well as the best of ragtime and comic songs, has been materially added to. The last new records, and the best of the best, specially selected for Christmas, are to be had. For more details, apply to the Anderson Music Company, 6, Des Voeux Road.

SHARE REPORT.

COMPARATIVE SHARE QUOTATIONS

The sum of twenty pounds sterling has been sent to the Scottish Women's Hospitals for Foreign Service by the Scottish Women of Glasgow.

LATEST RUBBER QUOTATIONS.

WRIGHT & HORNBY.

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ANY SUBSEQUENT ALTERATIONS WILL BE FOUND IN "UP TO THE MINUTE SHARE MARKET NEWS."
THE TELEGRAPH DOES NOT HOLD ITSELF RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE QUOTATIONS.

EXCHANGE

Selling		T/T Bombay		On Harbours		Gold Leaf per oz.	
T/T	1/10 1/2	Demand Bombay	145	On Saigon	81 1/2% prem.	Sovereigns	\$59.40
Demand	1/10 15/16	T/T Calcutta	145	On Bangkok	81	Bar Silver ready	\$70.50 nom.
30 d/s	1/11	Demand Calcutta	145	Buying		forward	26 1/16
60 d/s	1/12 1/8	Demand Manila	90 1/2% Nom.	4 m/s L/C	111 5/8		
4 m/s	1/13 3/16	T/T San Francisco	145	4 m/s D/P	111 3/4		
T/T Shanghai	75	Demand New York	44 7/8	6 m/s L/C	111 7/8		
Private 30 d/s sight		T/T Yokohama	108 3/4	30 d/s Sny & M	111 7/8		
T/T Singapore	31 3/4	T/T Marks	108 3/4	30 d/s San Francisco	111 7/8		
T/T Japan	29 1/4	Demand Germany		4 m/s Marks	111 7/8		
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T/T India	145	Demand Paris	3 1/2	6 m/s France	2 1/2		

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NOTICE
CHRISTMAS
AT THE
HONGKONG HOTEL

ROUND THE SHOPS.

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Society Freres.

The above firm ranks with the best known jewellers in the Colony, and the splendid connection it has built up is the very best testimony one could have of the reliability of the stock which the firm keeps. For Christmas special arrangements have been made and a new and varied consignment of goods has been procured, which includes gold and silver ware, precious stones, and everything which can be found in an up-to-date jeweller's shop. Here intending purchasers can be certain of being able to choose a suitable present for the festive season. It would be impossible to enumerate all the dainty articles to be found in the shop, and the best plan is for those who are desiring to buy a beautiful present for a relative or friend to pay a visit to the store.

Mee Cheung.

Recognised as the leading photographer of Hongkong, Mee Cheung claims the attention of all who either indulge in the collecting of local views and topical events or who are amateurs in the fascinating pastime of photography. At the present time Mee Cheung has a vast selection of most excellent views, and in the matter of supplies his stock is of the best.

King Edward Hotel.

There is much that is enjoyable in an occasional visit to a hotel for people who are used to a quiet home life, and the King Edward Hotel, which has long had a high reputation for the quality of its cuisine and the care and attention which is bestowed on patrons, is one that appeals with great force to those who think of indulging in this diversion for the holiday season. The hotel has recently come under new management, and its claims have if anything been enhanced.

Ullman and Co.

Proof of the very high quality of the goods supplied by Messrs. J. Ullman and Co. may be gathered from the fact that the business done by this firm during this Christmas time has been greater than at any previous similar season. For jewellery of all sorts one can find satisfaction here, and despite the fact that, as a French firm, the war has seriously depleted their staff, customers can be assured of quick and reliable service.

Al-rs. Ross and Co.

To the motoring man nothing makes a better Christmas present than one of the very nice accessories now to be obtained at Messrs. Alex. Ross and Company's shops, the situation of which is known to all residents in the Colony. Besides being agents for many well-known makes of cars and motor cycles, this firm has justifiable claim to stock everything for motoring by land or sea, and the quality of the goods supplied is, beyond all question, of the very best.

Palace Hotel.

Having been recently renovated and placed entirely under European management, the Palace Hotel at the corner of the Hankow and Hapshing Roads, Kowloon, affords a most attractive spot to which to adjourn for those seeking moments of leisure. Besides excellent residential accommodation, there is a public billiard bar with first-class table, and only first-class wines and spirits are stocked.

Victoria Theatre.

After the very excellent programmes that have been presented during the past months at the above popular house of entertainment, little need be said to recommend a visit during the holiday season, especially in view of the fact that a special series of pictures is being given. The theatre will be open on all days of the holiday, and on Christmas Eve there will be a special matinee and distribution of prizes at which there should be a very large attendance. After a day's enjoyment in the open air nothing could be nicer than a visit to the theatre, and that there will be a large demand for seats we feel sure.

Nobbs's Asthma Cure.

With the present cold weather prevailing one cannot take too much care of oneself, especially against that irritating trouble, asthma. As a pleasant and effective remedy, Nobbs's Asthma Cure is

POST OFFICE.

PARCELS FOR AUSTRALIA.

On and after the 1st of January next the rate of postage to be collected on parcels to the Commonwealth of Australia will be as follows:—

£1.50 for the first lb. or fraction thereof.

£0.50 for each succeeding lb. or fraction thereof.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

The Post Office will be open on Saturday the 25th Monday the 27th December and Saturday the 1st January from 8 to 9 a.m.

There will be no collection and delivery of ordinary correspondence each day except Sunday.

There will be a delivery of Registered correspondence at 9 a.m. on the 16th December and 1st January.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

A portion of the mail from Europe which arrived by the Novara (including a quantity of registered articles) has been received damaged by sea water owing to bad weather at Nagasaki. No claims in respect of such damage can be entertained.

Ships in communication with Cape D'Agulhas Radio Telegraph Station:—

Salsburgh, Glenelg, Empire, Italia.

Correspondence addressed to steady subscribers in China, Java, and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

MAILS DUE.

Australia, Empire, 22nd Dec.

Salsburgh, 24th Dec.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Feiching, Chi. at 9.00. K. Bahar, 11st Dec.

Shanghai, 18th Dec. Gen. C.M. S.N. Co.

Haitan, Br. at 1.15. J. W. Evans, 2nd Dec.

Swatow, 21st Dec. Gen. D.L. & Co.

Tungshing, Br. at 1.17. Hsuey, 11st Dec.

Swatow, 21st Dec. Gen. J.M. & Co.

Novara, Br. at 4.15. H.R. Hetherington, 2nd Dec.

Swatow, 21st Dec. Gen. P. & O.S.N. Co.

Dajin Maru, Jan. at 1.05. J. Smith, 2nd Dec.

Swatow, 21st Dec. Gen. O.S.N. Co.

DEPARTED.

Dec 21.

Diva for Haiphong.

Wimble for Haiphong.

Fag for Saigon.

Kanebow for Manila and Davao.

Kanebow for Bangkok via Swatow.

Hela for Moji via Shanghai.

St. Albans for Melbourne via Pt. Darwin.

Haining for Foochow via Swatow.

Uls for Bangkok.

Lokang for Haiphong via Hoihow.

Hikosan Maru for Haiphong.

Chiyou for Shanghai.

Hoping for Canton.

Yaghow for Shanghai.

Dajin Maru for Haiphong via Hoihow.

Dec 22.

Nippon Maru for Kobe.

Nippon Maru for Kanagawa.

Nippon Maru for Canton.

Nippon Maru for Hongkong via Swatow.

Nippon Maru for Haiphong via Swatow.

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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 22nd at 11.55.—The M. regular depression has moved eastward. It is now central over N. Japan.

An anticyclone has formed over China, and pressure gradients are steep in all directions.

Pressure has decreased slightly in southern districts.

The southern depression has filled up.

Strong monsoon may be expected along the east coast of China and over the China Sea.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow.

District Forecast.

1. Hongkong and Neighbourhood.

North wind, steady; sea.

2. Formosa Channel.

N.E. gale.

3. South coast of China.

The same as No. 1.

4. South coast of China.

The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.

22nd December, a.m.

Station.

Hour.

Barometer.

Temperature.

Humidity.

Wind.

Direction.

Force.

Weather.

W. at 2a.

N. at 4a.

S. at 6a.

E. at 8a.

W. at 10a.

N. at 12m.

S. at 2p.

E. at 4p.

W. at 6p.

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